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During the week of November 14-th, there will be an outside auditor here to determine if the Physics Department meets the requirements to be registered as OHSAS 18001 compliant. To prepare for that audit, I plan to send out some emails with information about OHSAS and the audit. I will try to keep the messages short, and send only a few a week. Please read them, visit and bookmark our OHSAS web page <http://www.phy.bnl.gov/~safety/OHSAS>.

What is OHSAS?

OHSAS is a management system in which we specifically document our Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) program. In it we specify how we:

- Recognize hazards and risks
- Control those hazards
- Plan to reduce the risk associated with those hazards
- Ensure that we comply with regulations (BNL, DOE, Federal, State, Local).

As part of the system, we identify annual targets or goals that will help us meet the above points, reduce our risks and attain a better, safer workplace. The OHSAS system helps us meet the goals of the BNL ESSH policy.

Make sure you know that BNL has an ESSH policy, and have some idea what's in it.
Hint: read the green cards!

Thanks for your attention,
Ron Gill

Before you start the next job or task, say the word “safety” to yourself.